Re-affirm Loyalty as War Flares over Pacific

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(From Jack Scott's Column, "Our Town, In The News-Herald)

ON the night that war began over the Pacific, I went to "Jap Town" and wrote of what I saw. The following day I received a number of letters criticizing me for being "sympathetic", harsh criticism for a reporter.

I have two other letters inviting me into a discussion of a subject that is difficult to discuss.

One writer is bitter that Japanese children should be convoyed across busy intersections by police officers when, so the writer says, there are no officers at certain street corners where white children cross.

The other records a street car vignette in which a white man irately stomped off a street car because a number of Japanese were passengers. My correspondent feels that this may be severe evidence of more subtle cases of undemocratic reaction.

I must confess that my sympathy, which is perfectly legitimate in this space if not in the news columns, is reserved exclusively for the second writer.

I think the only time I have been mad enough to hurt anybody was when a woman stopped me while I was walking with my dog and said I should be ashamed of myself for having an animal of German breeding. And yet I am quite sure that I would have seen an equal amount of red had I been on the street car mentioned by my correspondent.

There are certain aspects of our community's economy which the Japanese have affected by their methods of work and the influence of that has certainly carried over into the present situation.

I do not propose to defend a Japanese or anybody else for taking away another man's income by sacrificing himself to long hours and a starvation income, but I certainly do propose to defend a police department which places its men at the most dangerous corners to guide school children, whatever their color may be.

The danger of any impartial defence of the Japanese who were born here or who have lived here most of their lives is the fact that there must be, and have been necessary precautions.

These have been taken, and will be, by the authorities who know the situation. If their methods are not democratic in the pure sense of the word it is only because of the urgency of taking them quickly and efficiently. It is not a job for hatred, but for intelligence.

Two of my occasional golfing champions are young Japanese writers who were born in Vancouver, graduated from the University of British Columbia and are proud to call themselves second generation. I propose to continue playing golf with them so long as they do not sink too many long putts.

See SCOTT Page 9.

A GREATER TASK

Marching irresistably upon us for years, it seems now in retrospect, the tragedy of war on the Pacific is at last with us. And of all the little people of the world, few will be more shaken by its anger and its dread than the men and women and children of our own community—23,000 Japanese Canadians in this province.

There is of course only one policy, only one viewpoint for each one of us. There must be now, just as there has been in the past, complete, unswerving loyalty to the country that has given us birth, protection and sustenance. It must be to offer ourselves and everything we have in the defence of the traditions, the ideals, the way of life we regard as our own.

What, if anything, we can do to give expression to that loyalty other than to carry on as we have in the past, is our own problem that we must seek to solve, for the initiative assuredly will not come from other Canadians. This journal itself has urged for two years that the danger of war on the Pacific made it vital that we be accepted into the armed services of our country. Now that the war has come, and the wave of feeling released, it is apparent that such action is next to impossible. And though we do not surrender our conviction, because we believe in the loyalty of our own group, it is our responsibility to search out new ways in which we may serve our nation.

One final responsibility is ours, and it is not the less heavy. It is a challenge not to give way to despair, nor to take refuge in bitterness and hate. This tragic conflict will set back, but it must not destroy our hopes and aspirations to walk with honour and with dignity and with equality as Canadians among all Canadians. Since our coming of age, this has been the fight of the second generation; and in the years of the future, it will be again. For never in the world's history has it been more vividly revealed how vital to our nation is that sense of unity which in a country as diverse as our own, can spring only from the tolerance and understanding of men of reason and goodwill. Indeed the war has not lessened our contribution as a group to the Canadian nation; it has imposed upon us a greater task for the future.

Casualty Bulletins . . .

VANCOUVER.—The casualties among Japanese Canadian workers on the home front in the past five days and reported reliably to The New Canadian have been:

- Some 1800 fisherment temporarily at least without any vissible means of livelihood, and facing a very uncertain future.
- Employees of 3 Japanese language newspapers, totalling about 50, no wout of work.
- Fullti-e and part-time teachers in 59 language schools in B. C. now unemployed.
- Discharge of section hands and red caps from the C.P.R.
- Plate glass windows broken in moronic attacks on grocery and confectionery stores, in the West End and Grandview. One "black hand" note entitled, "first warning," and urging a proprietor to close his store.
- General slump in business, believed to be due particularly to the black-out, rather than to the war situation. Similarly a widespread loss in working time by many mill employees.
- Discharge of bell hops from the Vancouver Club and other city hotels.
- Attempted arson at rooming house on Alexander Street.
- Laying off of saw mill hands in city.

Japanese Nationals Report To Registrars Of Enemy Aliens Before February 7

OTTAWA. — February 7, 1942, has been set as the official deadline for aliens of Japanese race and citizens naturalized since Septemer 1, 1922, to report to the registrar of enemy aliens to sign the required undertaking.

This order applies to alien Japanese, other than U. S. citizens, to persons partly Japanese and of alien status, to women whose husbands are aliens or who became naturalized after 1922, and to Canadian-born girls who became Japanese nationnals through marriage.

It does not apply to Canadian-born citizens, the U. S. citizens, or to immigrant Japanese Canadians who were naturalized before 1922.

In Vancouver the office of the Registrar is located in the R.C.M.P. barracks at 33rd and Heather St. (Oak Street car).

A list of offices in other centres of the province, where Japanese residents may report, will be published in The New Canadian in the next issue of The New Canadian.

Serious Unemployment Situation Results As Many Japanese Canadians Lose Work

FACE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE

Into the hearts and into the simple homes of British Columbia's 23,000 Japanese Canadians came war just last Sunday. And farmers, fishermen, city dwellers — old and young, alien and citizen—turned from a workaday world to the radio waves, speeding to them as fast as light, the story ofa savageand treacherous onslaught that snapped at last the frail thread of peace in the Pacific.

Each new flash, each succeeding bulletin, each fragmentary report hammered at a familiar world, a known and safe and secure world, till at nightfall, there remained only confusion, doubt, bewilderment. Words are not adequate for it. Indeed the tumult of emotion, of suspense, yes, of fear, is masked in the faces of the people, in their talk, in their look. Masked in the quietness of resignation—a grave, "It can't be helped."

Among the older people, among the first generation immigtants most of whom have grown grey in Canada raising a family of Canadian sons and daughters, it is an even briefer, "shoganai!"—"It can't be helped." Only the little children, playing on the street, and looking forward to Christmas, are too busily occupied to think, to worry, or to hide that worry with an airy quip.

Their Loyalty Sustains Them

And yet, in spite of it all among the people there is an air of confidence, a continuing belief that they need not despair. More deeply rooted than the hasty observer would suspect, is a strong trust in democratic ideals, even Christian ideals of justice and of tolerance. There is none of the panicky feeling of the guilty due to pay for his crime. There is rather the strength of the innocent, a calmness born of their own conviction that they have tried in every way possible to be good and loyal Canadians. The people can point to demonstration after demonstration of their loyalty, and now tha the long-feared conflict has come, they can merely re-affirm what they have declared time and again in the past. Thus telegrams to the Federeal Government, assurances of faith to civic and Federal authorities, the active wish and offer to co-operate or to serve in any capacity demanded of them. And the majority of reasoning, unbiased Canadians have faith in Japanese Canadians, just as Japanese Canadians have in them.

Unemployment Serious Problem

Unfortunately many Occidental people have not yet been convinced of that loyalty. They have not yet reduced the question of defence to a purely rational, reasonable basis, where they can distinguish between resident Immigrant Japanese and those now become our sworn enemies. And because of that, increasingly grave become the question of employment, the question not now of earning a living, but of fighting for subsistence.

From every side come new reports of Japanese Canadians thrown out of work. In the city the closure of language newspapers, not because of subversive activity but as a precautionary measure, has put some fifty wage earners on the unemployed list. Throughout the province, full time and part time language school teachers now become job seekers. Throughout the coastal waters, from Rupert to Victoria, from the Upper Fraser to the West Coast, some 1800 fishermen, British subjects of enemy origin, face an uncertain future, their boats tide up and immobilized; and a strong movement, both sincere and selfish, is under way to prevent them from fishing again when the season comes around. No less serious are the increasing number of workers employed by Canadian firms and organizations, now being laid off—secion hands, red caps, bell boys sawmill workers, factory hands, all searching now for a means of living. And tradesmen, merchants and clerks throughout the city wonder about their clientele, wonder if the customers can see beneath the Japanese exterior into the human being. Some gather the remants of a shattered plate glass winow in silence. The tension hovers just as heavily in the Japanese quarter, as credit is tightened, and people refrain from buying. Only the farmer perhaps, close to the fruitful, protective earth, dependent first upon nature, not mare, is not visibly affected.

But there Is Nɔ Panicky Fear

So, too, the day-to-day routine is upside down. For what routine can be established if violent death lurks in the skies, and slower but surer starvation threatens from within. One cannot even gather on the street freely or carelessly, even if only to weep. For there are suspicious eyes, inflamed minds, Hostile hands, thrown rocks. Small wonder there is but little heart for the social affairs of yesterday, the laughter, the dancing, the wedding feast. Most of these today and tomorrow have been cancelled. They will be sought only as an escape frrom the "tough time."

But there is no panicky fear, either of attack from within or without, of blackout of light, or blackout of freedom and dignity, even as the ruins settle. It is not the first time the Japanese Canadian community has faced a difficult situation. And the tradition of fighting unflinchingly for right and justice, yes, and for democratic principles, is one that is deeply ingrained in the hearts of Canadians of Japanese descent.

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A Dedication

IN the space of a few terrifying hours this modest weekly newspaper, The New Canadian, has been thrust by the power of overwhelming events into a wholly new role.

No longer merely the "voice of the second generation," it remains now the sole organ, written and published by Canadians of Japanese descent. It assumes now the responsibilities carried on for the past four decades of three daily newspapers of great repute and long standing. And those responsibilities are laid upon the shoulders of a youthful staff at a time of emergency and peril to all of us, never before experienced in our history.

This, then, we conceive to be our task. To bear the torch of loyalty and true Canadianism among all of us—just as we have never ceased to bear it since this journal was founded three years ago. To speak forthrightly and courageously to a hostile Canadian public, in a never-ending crusade against injustice, ignorance, and mis-placed hate. To gather and disseminate news that is significant and important, and to interpret it in truth and honesty. To rally the second generation to a great work before it!

We do not know if our resources will measure up to this great duty. There are powerful forces of evil abroad; and there is human error and weakness on every hand. But in this historic hour, we do solemnly dedicate our every effort, our every moment, our every energy to the fulfillment of our task.

Let's Watch Our Step

ALL of us, it is safe to say, realize fully just how "tough a time" we are facing; no one is more conscious of the "eight ball" than the people behind it. Most of us too realize that our own safety demands that in everything we do or say, particularly for the present, we must exercise the greatest caution. Careless talk, careless actions, careless tempers—these are individual sins that will invite suspision and arouse feelings against our whole community, no matter how loyal we may be.

There is no need for us to stress how important it is for each one of us to co-operate to the fullest measure with any established authority, and to uphold the law even more circumspectly than we have in the past.

Obviously it will be wise for us not to congregate in groups on the street or in public places, even to offer each other only sympathy. Those who are prejudiced and suspicious will see in the most innocent act the most culpable of crimes. Nor is it good sense to use the Japanese language in public places, thus attracting unnecessary attention.

An excellent place to stay away from (perhaps even in times of peace) is the beer parlour, for talk is loose and tempers easily aroused when alcohol removes the controls of common sense and reason.

The many disquieting rumours that have gone the rounds indicate that we ought not to talk about things of which we know nothing. Let's not listen to some wild tale that someone got from his grandmother's forty-second cousin who heard it from a friend, and then to pass it on in our own inimitable style. And let's not be foolishly misled by unreasonable rumours.

Nor should we allow ourselves to be exploited by those contemptible racketeers, those blood-suckers, who are attempting to exploit the difficult situation in which we are placed, to make money for themselves. They have already gone into action with their smooth salestalk based upon a wholly false appeal to patriotic motives.

Our last suggestion is one that is a little more difficult to take. And that is to hold your temper, even if and when you feel that you have been grossly subjected to a personal indignity. These unjust, malicious attacks, it is certain, will come; and they will arouse, especially among the young men, a wish to strike back. Try not to! Try to keep your heads, and a strong rein on your temper, if not for yourself, then for all of those who stand behind you. A soft answer, says the proverb, turneth away wrath.

And above all, keep your thumbs up, and have faith in Canada. Have faith in the ideals for which we fight, have faith in democracy. For we have need of that faith today.

Thumbs up, and **Keep the Faith, Folks!**

In This Way . . . We Also Serve

By E. H.

We must go about our daily task . . . and keep our house in order no matter what happens. We live in a swiftly moving world . . . how swift, I never fully realized till Sunday . . . and in less than twenty-four hours, Vancouver has become the front line of a Pacific conflict.

And Powell Street of yesterday, our Powell Street has gone. The idle, carefree chatter . . . the friendly happy faces, the noise of merry tunes, the strange smells and the characteristic atmosphere have not vanished. They are still there . . . yes, but down to a silence, shocked, a little bewildered . . . waiting . . . waiting.

Almost overnight the horizons of our little Nisei world have changed!

Only yesterday, some of us were buying gifts for loved ones . . . mailing Christmas cards, splendidly gay with wishes for the New Year . . . of planning, womanlike, so frivolous [illegible] in which to chase out the old and greet in the new . . . Today, that world is far away.

Out of our little peaceful private worlds, we have been thrown, against our wishes, into the limelight . . . 23,000 of us . . . the cynosure of all because the land of our ancestors, of which we know so little, is the aggressor nation threatening our peace. And we, despite our loyalties, have their eyes and their colouring.

Strange things, inexplicable things, demands which will test our endurance of will, our hearts, our capacities for tolerance and understanding . . . will be ours. And in this time of waiting . . . of fear . . . heightened by swift moving changes day by day . . . it is so easy to give way to our emotions and feelings, to give way to unnatural actions because of unnatural times, to forget that we still have a part to play in this time, in this city, as citizens of the land we call our own.

Because war has been declared does not mean that we must throw up the usual tenure of our ways for no reason at all, but that we are now in the public eye. We too, in our little Nisei world, such as it is now, in what little we have left of it, must go about our daily tasks . . . keeping our house in order, sanely with tolerance, and with hope as far as we are able.

Fellow citizens are not wholly unaware of the mingled fear and the strain that hangs over Powell Street. They are doing their best . . . and we, as Japanese Canadian citizens, must fit into the scheme of things.

In this way . . . by quietly going about our daily tasks . . . without hysteria, with balance in this way, we also serve.

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Only a man harrowing clods
In a slow silent walk
With an old horse that stumbles and nods,
Half asleep as they stalk.

Only thin smoke without flame
From the heaps of couch-grass:
Yet this will go onward the same
Though Dynasties pass.

Yonder a maid and her wight
Come whispering by:
War's annals will cloud into night
Ere their story die.

—*Thomas Hardy*

A Plea for Sincerity and Tolerance

(This excerpt from a speech on "The Far East" [illegible] the Vancouver Institute, Vancouver, B.C., October [illegible] by Prof. H. F. Angus, and reprinted from the November [illegible] issue of The New Canadian.)

There is one aspect of the crisis in the Far East which may affect us here in Vancouver and I think it is best that we should face it frankly. In any war between Japan and Great Britain or between Japan and the United States, Canada, although not a principal in the quarrel, is certain to be a belligerent. But there is an appreciable number of Canadians (just as of Americans) who are Japanese by race, though not nationals of Japan. There are also some who have a dual nationality. In the event of war how will the Canadian government and the Canadian people deal with this situation?

It would be foolish to think of this question as a simple one. The foremost consideration must be national safety—and the importance of this consideration will be fully understood by the men and women concerned. But almost as important is the question of the permanent situation here, the undesirability of racial hatreds and animosities, the danger of making any substantial class of citizens feel that it is being unfairly treated. Unhappily, the problem is not purely a rational one. There is certain to be in some quarters a disposition to retaliate for insults or injuries which British subjects in Japan have borne or may have to bear. There is certain to be profound suspicion of the bona fides of the Canadian patriotism of young men and women of Japanese race. Let me add that this is a suspicion which I feel is inevitable though I personally do not share it. There is certain to be resentment felt against suspicion which a man knows to be undeserved.

In short, there is a situation which demands cool handling, a great deal of philosophical tolerance of the man of the world, great tact and above all, complete sincerity.

What I mean by sincerity is this: It is tolerably easy to bear severe restrictions without resentment, to make allowance for the position and outlook of others, if you believe that that outlook, though you may think it mistaken, is none the less sincere and, in intention, just. It is another matter if you feel that an opportunity is being seized on by those who have always disliked you to injure or repress you.

We may have within our own community one of those tragedies which have occurred when race in Europe have been discriminated against; or which have occurred when masses of refugees have been harshly dealt with because the easiest disguise for the spy or fifth columnist is the dress of the refugee. In such circumstances no one can hope to draw a perfect line between prudent precautions on the one hand and panicky suspicions on the other. If we must face (as I am afraid we must) this most intractible of problems, let it be in an earnest endeavour to inflict the minimum of harm on the innocent.

Self-interest points in the same direction, for we are engaged in a struggle which transcends national and racial lines and we cannot afford to alienate any men of good will from our ranks—or to weaken our own self respect by departing from the spirit of the ideals for which we are fighting.

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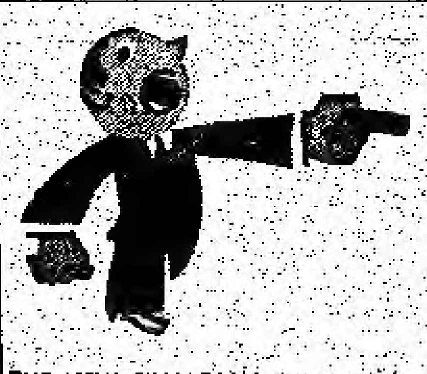

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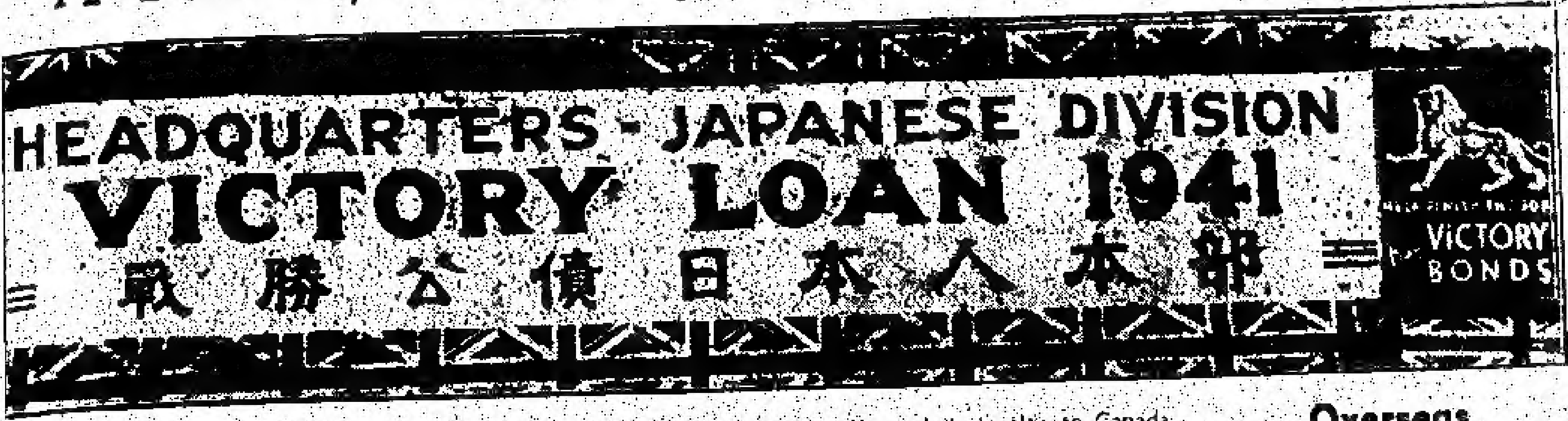

In Training

WHEN Canadians of Japanese origin affirm their loyalty to Canada, let us not believe it to be merely lip service. For birth and education, or environment and the love of home, have been the powerful factors that through the years have instilled within the vast majority of Japanese Canadians a sincere loyalty to Canada. And shown here is a visible expression of that spirit from the files of The New Canadian.

In the early days of the war, from widespread small hamlets, from numerous societies and clubs, from first generation and second generation, came tokens of loyalty. They came in the form of wholly voluntary donations, contributed directly to the Government at Ottawa. And in the first four months of the war, from Ucluelet to Regina, from Prince Rupert to Victoria, these donations rolled in to total $3,000.

As Canada's war effort grew in organization and size, support took the form of larger and larger sums, invested in war savings and in the victory war loans.

Substantial, too, were the contributions to the Red Cross, and shortly after the war broke out, a Japanese Canadian unit was itself formed. Throughout the province, too, first and second generation women and girls have worked with their respective units.

Although military authorities adopted a policy of rejecting Canadian-born Japanese from the army in the early months of the war, and the Government later exempted them from compulsory training, the insistent demand that they be accepted in the services won for a few second generation places in the fighting ranks. Pte. Shigeo Kato (upper corner) is serving now in Great Britain; Pte. Hiromu Tanaka (lower corner) is still in training in Canada. If the opportunity comes to us, there are hundreds more prepared to give up their lives in defence of their home and native land.

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In the experienced and impartial hands of the Federal Standing Committee on British Columbia's Oriental question and R.C.M.P. officers rests the task of guarding officially against any possible disloyal activity by any of the province's 23,000 Japanese Canadians. And in their hands likewise rests the responsibility of guarding against untoward incidents directed against loyal members of the community.

As part of their policy they have (1) ordered the closure of 59 Japanese language schools (an order also issued by the Provincial Government), (2) suspended publication of newspapers in the Japanese language, (3) ordered some 1000 Japanese Canadian-owned fishing boats tied up and immobilized, and (4) detained a number of Japanese nationals on a "selective basis." A further precaution ordered is the reporting to the registrar of enemy aliens of all Japanese nationals in Canada and those naturalized since 1922.

Shown in the picture are Gordon Upton, RCMP; Col. A. W. Sparling, D.S.O.; Col. Macgregor Macintosh; Assistant Commissioner C. H. Hill, RCMP; Sergt. Jack Barnes, RCMP, Committee Secretary; and Mayor F. J. Hume of New Westminster, Committee Chairman, seated.

round The MUSIC BOX *with a.y.*

The really surprising feature of the crop of songs to date since the outbreak of the war over two years ago is the comparative scarcity of bang-up war ditties. Especially has this been true in the American scene. Perhaps the hitherto strong isolationist sentiment has wielded the dampening factor over Tin Pan Alley's efforts.

This year — although such songs as "My Sister and I" (telling a story about refugee children), "Taps 'Til Reveille" and "Good-bye Dear, I'll Be Back in a Year," have appeared to break the monotony of sentimental love ballads, still the ostrich-like attitude of American people to the war makes itself felt in the actual contents of these tunes.

Now that the war has been brought right home to America, it looks as if the picture will be changed radically. Juicily provocative are the titles of the numbers that are due any minute from the Tin Pan Alley tune shop, such as 'You're a Sap Mr. Jap." You have to hand it to the Americans to put their fingers on the sore spot of the Japanesego, with such mordant-titled concoctions.

SONG CONTEST

As we go into the last lap of the song contest (be sure to send in your top ten favourites for 1941 as soon as possible now) would you like to give these tunes the "once-over" before you make your final selections?

- May I Never Love Again
- Georgia on My Mind
- Aurora
- Oh, Look at Me Now
- Walking by the River
- No—Ten Lullaby Lane
- Good-bye Now
- Yes, Indeed
- Hi Neighbour
- Flamingo
- Blue Champagne
- By-U, By-O

Incidentally, you Gene Autry or Wilf Carter fans have any hill-billy ditties ("You Are My Sunshine," "Cowboy Serenade," "It Makes No Difference Now," etc.) or if you swingsters have any hot numbers ("Drumboogie," "Paradiddle Joe,") you would like to include in your list of favourites, don't hesitate to submit them in your entry.

Last Week's Song Leaders:

1. Tonight We Love
2. Elmer's Tune
3. Chattanooga Choo Choo
4. Shepherd's Serenade
5. I don't Want to Set the World on Fire
6. This Love of Mine
7. You and I
8. Jim
9. Sinner Kissed an Angel
10. Everything I Love

all that's left by j.m.

LABOR'S PART IN ALLIED VICTORY

As a result of statements made last week in our discussion of the role of collective bargaining we take as our premise that labour must be an active participant in industry and society. We believe that society is to gain by accepting labour as a partner in the formulating of its policies and programs. The needs of society should be placed squarely before labour so that they can decide upon an adequate program to cope with them. But before this can be accomplished the fullest organizational potentialities of labour will have to be developed and their expression encouraged.

Workers will have to be organized to be able to give collective expression of their aspirations, and later to translate these successfully into concrete action. The carrying out of these actions will generally take the form of legislation and administrative policy which is the field of government activity. Labour will through its collective organization exert its influence on government policy in meeting the needs of society.

In the important inter-play of social forces, no one is able to maintain a neutral position; even a policy of inaction on the part of one group will benefit or affect adversely another group. That is the nature of the dynamics of the social processes, and the relations of labour are not exceptions to this rule. Nor can Governments by their action or inaction, by administrative policy or by legislation, by direction or by either, stay in a neutral position. Governments by their very acts are either encouraging or hindering the development of labour as a social and industrial force.

The fact remains for Governments to formulate and act upon a clearly defined labour policy and to institute adequate methods to realize its goal in practice as a social program, but the first requirement is one of policy, not of method.

In Canada at the present time this first requirement of policy is yet to be met; the labour policy of the Mackenzie King Government because of its obvious contradictions in statement, and its glaring discrepancies in practice, is in great need of reconsideration and amendment. This, even to meet the need of its own internal consistency and integrity. Once this is done the matter of method, important though it be, can be achieved and realized. And until this is done, grudging recognition of the existence of labour by such a gesture as a formation of the impotent National Labour Supply Council, composed of an equal number of representatives of industry as of labour, is not an answer to the problem of making labour an equal participant in industry and society. Until this is done labour will be frustrated in its attempt to release its vital force so necessary to the country at the present time.

The Government along with the industrial leaders of Canada cannot afford, and it would not be an act of wisdom, to carry on their present practices of remaining aloof and in some cases openly hostile to the dynamic force of labour. We would be wise to consider the fact that the Government of Great Britain, in her darkest hour, made appeals not to reactionary Tories but to the rank and file working man for support, which was immediately assured in a whole-hearted manner, and which has not diminished but increased up to the present day. The Canadian worker is not in the least backward about—and along with his British brothers, sees just as clearly the issues involved in the war, and he too would respond just as enthusiastically to speed up and expand the war effort. But very unfortunately, and with deep regret on the part of working people, the Government and the industrial leaders of Canada have not seen fit to adopt a policy, well-defined in meaning and intent, that will not leave an ounce of doubt in the minds of workers and which will give to labour every encouragement and opportunity to voice, and in their work, to carry out their support of the war effort.

Working people in Canada are awaiting, and not without impatience, the announcement on the part of the Government of a labour policy that will encourage and assure them of an organized means to give collective expression of their whole-hearted support of the Allied war effort by recognizing in both statement and practice their right to form their own organizations and to bargain collectively. And only by implementing such a policy can a people's war effort be assured or considered possible. When that time comes the Canadian worker will be able to follow the precedent of his British fellow worker in re-assuring Allied victory.

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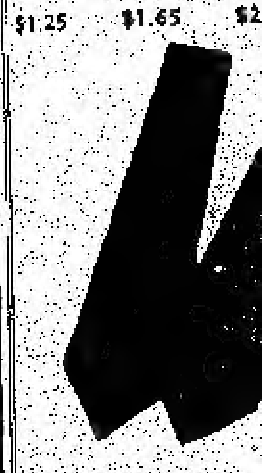

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Blackout Bamboozled

Loss of Language Papers Severe Blow But Kids Rejoice In School Closure

Over the weekend the war parked itself right on the doorsteps of every home in Nihonmachi. The sharpest pinches felt by the community as a direct result of the war were the closing of the Japanese language schools and the suppression of the Japanese dailies—pinches which your reporter discovered, hit most older folks keenly.

Nissei and Issels alike felt that the government had taken the most logical and wisest step in closing the schools and the Japanese dailies. Some, perhaps illogically, forecast the reopening of the schools and papers when the situation would have returned to normal.

The loss of the Japanese language paper was the much more keenly felt of the two closures. Some declared that its usefulness had been proved in the one day it had failed to come out. The majority considered it as absolutely necessary to the Issels. A few thought that the Niseis should and could give translations from English dailies to their elders.

Among the people interviewed, the Issels your writer questioned were all well-known business men. They listened with grave attention to my questions and gave them serious consideration before answering.

An insurance agent said that since the government had closed the German and Italian language schools, it was only natural and proper that the Japanese language schools should shut up also. As regards the newspapers, he thought that perhaps the authorities might be satisfied with a paper carrying an English translation of the Japanese passages.

An interview with a show-shop owner and a druggist on Powell Street revealed that they were able to read the metropolitan dailies but they admitted with a wry grin that a Japanese paper would be much easier to read and more acceptable. The three business men were unanimous in giving their strongest encouragement to The New Canadian to go ahead and "show to the white people that we are loyal Canadian citizens."

The Niseis were much more relaxed about the whole affair. One petite Miss in a Main Street confectionery declared that she didn't care one bit about the schools. Another brushed off the subject with a "I don't care, I'm finished" statement. Both girls ruefully added that translating English from the Province or the Sun to their parents was a difficult task accompanied by many references to the dictionary for adequate expressions.

"I feel sorry for my pa," one lad exclaimed. "He just sits and stares at us after supper while we pore over the Province like we never did before."

The younger Nisels, the group most affected by the closing of the schools, were to the last one overjoyed and jubilant. "More time to play," one sang gleefully. "I hate Japanese school," another one spat. "Phooey," a tough young man shouted, "blackout is more fun than school any day."

From the economical angle the order had hit many employees in the publishing firms and school staffs. Those feeling the axe were all indefinite about their immediate future.

At the Tairiku Nippo, members of the printing staff were taking turns. A Nisei girl on the editorial staff of a smaller paper shrugged her shoulders, "Oh, we sat around the stove all day today. Everybody doesn't know what to do. We just talk and talk."

The Japanese school teacher appeared cheerful when I appeared on the scene to question him about his position. He just smiled at me and said, "Don't worry about us." But it was easy to see that he had nothing definite in mind.

And that blank, half-worried look on everybody's face pretty well expressed the state of mind of the Issels and the Nisels. Things had happened so suddenly that everyone was still stunned by the impact of the news. War is grim.

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City Resident In Tragic Accident

VANCOUVER. — A well-known citizen, who had been engaged in the cleaning and dyeing industry for many years, Eisaku Toida, 61, was instantly killed Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m., when he became entangled in machinery at his plant on Main Street, the State Cleaners.

Funeral services were held Thursday at 1 o'clock from the Armstrong Funeral Parlor, with the Rev. Tachibana officiating. Cremation followed at the Mountain View Cemetery.

The deceased was a native of Nagano-ken in Japan. He leaves to mourn his loss besides his wife, two daughters, Mrs. S. Asazuma and Margaret, and one son, Hideo.

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Urgent Red Cross Meeting Called

All captains and executive members are urgently requested to attend an important meeting of the Japanese Canadian Unit of the Red Cross to be held at the Tairiku Hall this coming Sunday afternoon, December 14th, from 2:30.

United Church Adjusts Program

The Vancouver Japanese United Church is changing the time of its various activities to adjust itself to the new conditions brought about by the recent events. Rev. K. Shimizu, the minister in charge, makes the following announcements:

1. All evening meetings are cancelled until further notice;

2. All the activities which have been conducted in the daytime remain unchanged;

3. Definite schedule for the activities which have been held in the evenings will be duly announced later;

4. **Temporary changes have been made as follows:**

(a) Fairview Mission service will be held at 2 p.m. in the afternoon every Sunday;

(b) C.G.I.T. will meet at 3:45 p.m. on the regular meeting days;

(c) Sunday School Christmas will be held at 2:00 pm. on the days already announced.

Services This Sunday

Powell Street — 11:00 a.m. "In Quietness and In Confidence," by Rev. K. Shimizu.

Fairview Mission — 11:00 a.m. at the Y.P. service, "My Peace—Not as the World Giveth," by Mr. T. Komiyama. A vocal solo will be rendered by Miss Aki Goromaru; 2:00 p.m., "The Triumph of Trust," by Rev. K. Shimizu.

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Life's Little Tragedies

By THE PASSER-BY

We only ask for sunshine;
We did not want the rain;
But see the flowers that spring from showers
All up and down the plain.

We beg the gods for laughter;
We shrink, we dread the tears;
But grief's redress is happiness.
Alternate through the years.

—*Helen Hay Whitney*

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COMPLEXES . . . Do you comb your hair straight back? Then you have a superiority complex. Or so I learned from a psychology book this week. However this only applies to men. Nothing is mentioned of the female of the species. But among the Nisei girls, most of them who comb their locks straight back are no shrinking violets. But then, as a friend observes, even those who don't comb their hair that way are no shrinking violets. Which brings us right back where we started from . . . Considering putting in a picture to adorn the head of this column with, I asked a lass for a suggestion as to what kind of picture it should be. She obliged with: "I think a portrait of you in a gas mask would look cute." . . . Business slogan this paper is pushing: "Early to bed, early to rise; work like h—l and advertise"!

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SHORT SHORT . . . It's told to me that some time ago a church group had occasion to assemble for dinner and the toastmaster felt that someone should say grace just before beginning.

He glanced around the banquet table, but saw that no minister of the Gospel was present. So he turned to the person seated a few seats away, a newspaperman, and said:

"Mr. Hayashi, inasmuch as there are no ministers present, will you say grace?"

The newspaperman was caught off his guard, but he reluctantly complied. He arose, bowed his head, and while the guests all held their breath, he said fervently:

"There being no ministers present here tonight, let us thank God!"

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CONVERSATION . . . Asked a group of Junior High School girls what their chief topics of conversation were when they got together by themselves. Here are their answers in the correct order: movies, clothes, boys. Asked some High School lassies the same question and got this: boys, clothes, movies. Then I put the same query to a bunch of young women, all out of school and of marriageable age, and got: men, marriage, love. Is that right, girls? Anyway, it's very interesting . . . Do you talk in your sleep? For the past couple of weeks, I've carried on such violent conversations in my sleep that I've woke myself up on two or three occasions. Makes me mad because I can't hear what I'm saying. My cousin claims that I even sing in my sleep and disturb his slumber. But then, he's probably jealous of my very elegant bathroom baritone.

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By CINDERELLA

Bravery is always somehow gay . . .

Walking along the streets of Japanese Town . . . watching the lights blink out one by one . . . and seeing that strange dark quietude slowly descending . . . I saw that the spirit of Powell Street is still alive.

There is still gaiety here, not the flamboyant gaiety which springs spontaneously from the heart; perhaps, but a studied gaiety . . . the badge of quiet courage. It runs like a scarlet thread through the length and breadth of Powell Street.

Gaiety is not the ripple of laughter alone. It is a far more subtle, deep-rooted thing. One cannot exactly point one's finger upon it and say "This is courage, see!" There's the lad whose dreams came crumbling down around him, but does he let anyone guess it? No! There's the stenographer whose job is teetering on the verge of collapse . . . and she ups and gets a new hat, a scarlet thing with a jaunty feather that refuses to stay put.

Gaiety of a new kind, valorous and tolerant, is here. It's here in the almost non-committal shrug of Nisei shoulders as their owners light cigarettes in the dark . . . while the swiftly moving events pour out of radios, threatening their very foundation. It's here in the small talk of Nisei, as they talk of this and that . . . casual talk on music, new clothes . . . holding back the fears that now loom upon their horizon.

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There's gaiety too, in the quietness of our Issei generation.

It's here in the smiles that blank a thousand unspoken anxieties in the hearts of Issei mothers, putting small children to bed, sending their men to work . . . Yes, in the stolid set smile as she listens, half-comprehendingly, half jokingly, half chastizingly as she listens to her offsprings' text interpretation of news which is forbidden in the only language she understands.

It's in the friendly smile of Issei men . . . in their thoughtful reveries as they sit in the dusk, watching the blue smoke curl . . . in their quiet acceptance of the laws as they find them.

Powell Street today shows another facet of her personality. As nightly the lights blink out one by one, and the threats of danger come closer and closer, Powell Street takes it all in her stride, meeting it all with a kind of gaiety . . . a gaiety valorous, patient, and tolerant.

Bravery is always somehow gay.

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Tete-a-tete with Santa Claus.

'Tis almost Christmas, Santa Claus!
I know you're busy e'en to pause,
But I only ask for things I've lost
They're such elusive little things,
But stuff which money cannot buy.
(I never counted them of much worth
Till somewhere in my busy life
They slipped from out my indifferent grasp.)
O Santa, give me laughter gay,
That spills like sunshine everywhere!
(I used to have it once, you know,
And counted it of little worth.)
Just send me barrels of laughter . . . if not
The pure, undiluted kind, the flippant kind will do.
One can't be fussy in war-time!
And, dear Santa, send me colour RED
Why red, of all the rainbow hues?
Red goes so well with black . . . or didn't you know?
Red lips for courage
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Red Christmas berries . . .
Red for radiance on a dreary world
Red velvet, definitely for romance . . .
Red, too, for love that knows no pride or hate . . .
Red for the depths of sacrifice . . .
And one more wee request,
Can I whisper it in your ear?
(O Santa, how your whiskers tickle so!)
Dear Santa, please, if it's not asking too much,
Give us one whole week between the 20th and the 25th
Of glistening, white, white snow . . . not Vancouver rain . . .
And peace that comes more softly than the rain
So that we can hear the Christ Child murmur in His sleep!
Why don't I go and buy them? . . .
Now, really, Santa, you're not very wise!
You wouldn't ask that question if you knew
How they would gape
With "My dear, such foolishness!
Don't you know there's a war going on"?
But, Santa, if you sort of . . . er . . . sent them C.O.D.
Folks wouldn't be so grudging, don't you see!
If I'm good? Really, you're a dear.
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TOWN TOPICS

The usual weekly clinic ill be held tonight, Friday, rom 8 till 9 p.m., at the apanese Clinic, unless a lackout is called for.

People should note, however, that in the future the linic will be held Friday fternoon, from 1 to 2 p.m., n the afternoon.

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Buddhist Services

All services at Buddhist temes throughout the city, as well s young people's meetings and unday School classes have een cancelled indefinitely.

As a precautionary measure, l funerals and weddings will lso be reported to the authrities.

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With This Ring . . .

At high noon Wednesday, December 10, at the Powell Street United Church, Tatsuyo, eldest aughter of Mrs. N. Saito, 279 E. 6th Avenue, became the ride of Mr. Kiyoshi Hori, of his city.

The baishakunins for this vent were Mr. and Mrs. F. Akiyama and Mr. and Mrs. O. Kawaguchi.

Announcement . . .

The management of Happyland Roller Arena at Hastings Park advises that the many Japanese Roller Skating Club Parties will continue as originally scheduled on Monday nights whether there is blackouts on those nights or not. The popular roller rink has been completely equipped for blackouts so that skating continues as usual without interruption. Parties booked are as follows: Miss Satoru Eguchi, December 15; Kyuhin Club, December 22; T. Tsuda, December 29; Tash Hashimoto, January 5; Y. P. S. Badminton Club, January 26.

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● **Attention: Powell Y.P.S. . . .**

The Powell Y.P.S. Meeting and Executive Meeting have both been postponed until further notice.

● **Okanagan Visitors**

Visiting in the city over last week-end were the Misses Tada from West Summerland, and here for a few days is Mr. Anthony Kobayashi, from Okanagan Centre.

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● **Band Raffle**

Mr. Hatanaka, 525 Richards, was the lucky winner of a coffee table raffled off by the Nisei Boys Band in the draw made Wednesday night. Other winners are: (2) K. Iwamoto, Woodfibre; (3) H. Takahashi, R.R. No. 4, N. W.; (4) Toshie Oya, Steveston; (5) K. Nagasaka, N. W.; (6) R. Morimoto; (7) I. Toyonaga, Woodfibre; (8) Mr. Caffey, 927 Main.

The Band also wishes to acknowledge the receipt of a very generous donation from a local citizen, forwarded by Mr. Okamoto; and donations from Dr. G. A. Ishiwara, Dr. E. C. Banno, and Mrs. Jack Hayami.

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● **Attention: Theatre Lovers!**

Due to circumstances beyond their control, the Nisei Players wish to announce the postponement of their pre-christmas presentation, scheduled for December 20, until February 14, 1942.

Obituary!

On December 8th, at the home of Dr. & Mrs. George Ishiwara, there passed away "the Goose that laid the golden egg" for J. C. C. L. Vancouver Chapter, for the past three years—the Christmas Ball—in the process of laying its third egg.

Having searched in vain for peace on earth, it is believed to have departed for hell in search of a better world. Usually reliable sources declare this to be the cause of its untimely passing. Executive members of Vancouver Chapter were present at the bedside.

Otsuya will be held throughout the city. Full mourning will be observed in wilted tuxedos and evening gowns in various stages of completion. No flowers by request.

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Mission Miscellany

Oratorical Contest Has Large Entry

MISSION.—The third annual Oratorical Contest, sponsored by the Mission Young Men's Association, was held in the Farmers' Hall at Mission on Sunday, November 30. Mr. Chikao Kunimoto acted as chairman and introduced the speakers.

First prize medal donated by the Mission Nokai and the cup, donated by the National J.C.C.L., were awarded to Miss Emiko Shikaze, who spoke on "The Mission of Womanhood."

A special award went to Kiyoshi Yano, for his superb oration on the topic, "Man's Worth." The Mission Nokai donated a special cup.

Yutaka Ogawa won the second prize medal, donated by the Mission Judo-bu-Koenkai, and Yoshio Senda the third prize medal, awarded by the Young Men's Association.

Miss Tamiko Kunimoto was proclaimed best orator in the language school group.

Tadashi Saito, president of the Association, participated in the contest as a supporting speaker. Other participants included Kunio Sato, Malcolm Fukami, Aiko Ohashi, and several language school students.

Mr. M. Kudo delivered the report on behalf of the six judges.

After the event, refreshments were served by members of the Y.W.B.A., during which a lively discussion ensued between parents and members.

The Mission Young Men's Association takes this opportunity to thank the Mission Nokai and the National J.C.C.L. for their generous support.

The Red Cross At Work

The brightest spot in the current Japanese - Chinese-British situation is a story of what took place recently in Vancouver under the symbol of the Canadian Red Cross.

Up in the Red Cross warehouse at 20 Water Street is an atmosphere of ringing hammers, the smell of glue and a lot of good-natured chatter, some 30 members of the Japanese Canadian Citizens League and the Upper Fraser Japanese Fishermen's Association have crated and labelled 824 one-pound cans and 5,084 half-pound cans of Fraser River salmon.

These were caught by Japanese fishermen and canned by the Chinese for shipment to bombed out victims of Britain.

Handling and shipping is under the care of the Canadian Red Cross, another practical gesture of help to those who suffer, no matter under what flag.

Credit for the project goes to all who worked on it, but the idea itself originated with T. Suzuki, secretary of the Fishermen's Association.

After commercial fishing was finished for the season, Mr. Suzuki obtained permission for the men to go out and fish for the Red Cross.

James Okano Heads Ganges Y.P.S.

By THE GLEANER

GANGES.—The last Y. P. S. meeting of the year was held Friday evening with three new members, Martha Murakami, Grace and Jerry Ito turning up for a very happy welcome.

A resolution by Luke Murakami that we keep our club as Y.P.S. was adopted with an appeal to make a really worthwhile club through close cooperation of all the members and a definite aim for which to work.

After a long business session, in which the program for the ensuing year was laid out, the annual election of officers took place. James Okano was chosen president, and executive officers include: Mary Murakami, vice-president; Grace Numajiri, secretary; and Ed Numajiri, treasurer.

Refreshments, games, music and singing wound up the evening.

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The club's congratulations to Miss Evelyn Inouye and Victor Okano on their recent engagement.

Bloedel Banner

By C. A.

BLOEDEL.—The widely advocated removal of Ripple Rock in Seymour Narrows is now seriously contemplated following the grounding of the Aleutian, flagship of the Alaska Steamship Company, recently.

Cancelling her northbound voyage, with powerful pumps discharging seawater seeping through the double bottoms, the vessel limped to Seattle to discharge 200 passengers and undergo repairs.

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Logging was briefly suspended over that portion of the 4-foot flooded mainline which skirts the 12-mile Lower Campbell Lake shoreline, when the recent torrential downpour raised the normal lake level several feet.

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Local High Schoolers too enjoyed a brief spell when the flood waters swept away the culvert adjacent to the Campbell River bridge.

Sponsored by the local Women's Social Club, the annual public school Christmas concert rehearsals are underway under the direction of Mr. Larson. The performance this year consequently should be the best ever.

This gay affair will be held in the local school on December 18 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

The pupils under editor-in-chief Franklin Kingston also distributed their bi-monthly school paper the "Bloedel Bulletin" to local readers at 3c a copy, the proceeds being donatedto the Junior Red Cross.

Way Up North

Nisei Wedding Dawson Social Hi-Life

DAWSON, Y.T. — St. Paul's Church was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday night, November 22, when Winnifred, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tagami, Coledale, Alta., was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. Harry Yasuyama, to Michio Nakano, son of Mr. Ken Nakano of Dawson.

The bride walked down the aisle in a white gown of brocade, rising from a then train, to the altar in a white gown of satin topped with a veil of white net. Her bridesmaids were her sister Yoko, who wore a haze-colored dress of pale blue net with matching veil, and Miss Anita Sarich, who wore a gown of silk jersey with bodice in patriotic theme.

The groom and his best man, Mr. James Tamagi, waited for the lovely bride and her attendants in identical suits of blue serge.

The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. Wm. Valentine. Ushers were Mr. Charlee Haines and Mr. Roger Pedetson.

Wedding music was played by Miss Solway Dines at the organ, accompanying St. Paul's Church choir. Both the bride and her sister have belonged to the choir since their arrival in Dawson. The choir preceded the bridal groups after the signing of the register and formed a guard of honor at the door so that they had to pass under an archway of hymn books as they left the church.

A reception for the host of friends followed at the home of the bride's sister, where Mrs. Wm. Valentine presided over the wedding cake. Assisting were Mrs. Pearl Carswell, Mrs. E. B. Neff, Mrs. A. St. Jean and Mrs. M. Mosely. The register was attended by Miss Phyllis Ireland, while Mr. Vic Foley was master of ceremonies at the punch bowl.

Mr. and Mrs. Nakano will reside in Dawson.

Capital City Chatter

The general monthly meeting of the Taiyo Club was held December 7 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Okamoto with the president, Harold Kawasoe, presiding.

George Hasegawa, Stum Okamoto and and Stum Shimizu were elected to look after the arrangements for the Christmas social to be held on the 30th of this month.

The speakers for the evening were: Thomas Kuwabara, who spoke on "How the Watch Repairman Will Gyp You," and Harold Kawasoe on "Cellophane."

Refreshments were enjoyed at the finish of the meeting.

VAGARIES: Some of the more familiar faces are missing from the basketball team line-ups this year. It seems that some found the home fireside much more beneficial for their fast-ageing and weary frames—or so they felt after an initial workout. One party had this to say: "The only reason I came out of retirement last year was to try to fill the hole left by "H.E." when he left, but I found that hole much too big—so am definitely throwing away my shoes this year!!"

Did any of you ever hear of anying getting ... er drunk from eating too many pickles? We have and was she "off the beam"!!! Was her face red! — but then, that's another story.

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VANCOUVER. — Japanese Canadian veterans of World War I, who fought overseas in Flanders with the Canadian army, have again volunteered their services to Canada in the present emergency, it was disclosed yesterday.

A special general meeting of the Japanese Branch of the Canadian Legion wired Prime Minister King pledging loyalty and offering their services.

In a reply to the veterans H. R. L. Henry, private secretary to the Prime Minister said:

"The Prime Minister has directed me to acknowledge your telegram transmitting the resolution of loyalty to Canada adopted by the special general meeting of the Japanese Branch of the Canadian Legion, and to express the government's appreciation of the promptness of the action taken by its members in making immediately known their readiness to serve Canada wherever their services may be required.

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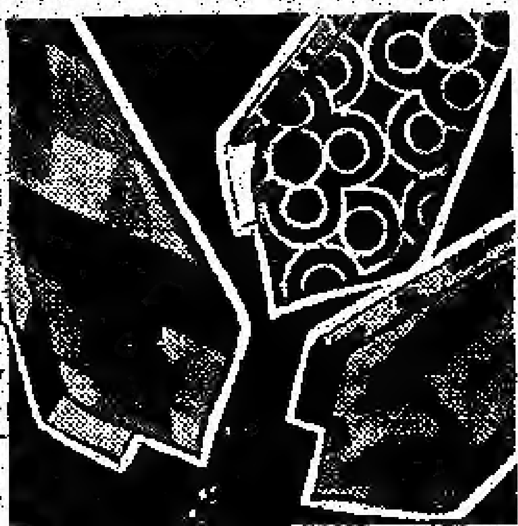

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By STAFF WRITER

Hardest hit among the Japanese as a result of the war have been the fishermen. At one fell blow the future hopes for a livelihood have gone a-glimmering. Here's the situation as your reporter could ascertain.

The great sockeye season is past history. But some of the Japanese Canadian fishermen had already gone out fishing again, this time for the dog-fish whose liver yields much valuable oil. Others were planning to leave in a few days or after New Year's.

But, for the present, that's out of the question. Orders have come from the naval authorities for all fishermen of Japanese extraction (both Nisei and naturalized Issei — for you must remember that no "alien" is allowed to fish in B.C. waters) to have their vessels ready for special inspection.

Pure and simple, the naval authorities' orders are that all boats out fishing at present must head for the nearest official fishing port (there are thirteen of them in B.C.), and report to the authorities. Those in port already must leave their crafts tied to a wharf, or if they have already put them away for the winter to leave them where they are and await the arrival of an inspector or further word.

Thus, from the Fraser—Sunbury, East Richmond and Steveston—up along the coast—Rivers Inlet, Knight Inlet—north to the Skeena and the Nass, out on the West Coast—Ucluelet, Tofino and Clayoquot—Japanese fishing craft have been immobilized.

And what will actually happen to their boats? Wild conjectures are rife. But all that the naval authorities are doing—as far as I can make sure, is to inspect the boat for firearms or any weapon which might be used for purposes of sabotage and are naturally enough, making sure that the vessels will not be operated for the present by taking some part of the boat engine away.

Sore Predicament

Fortunately, most fishermen enjoyed a bumper sockeye catch this year. With the prices fair, most of them have managed to pay off their debts and to lay aside a little in savings so that they and their families will not have to starve for a while.

In spite of this fact, one stalwart Nisei fisherman tersely described the whole situation with these words: "It's a g-- d--- predicament we've got into." For what if the government will not allow them to fish next year by refusing them licenses? But all are keeping their fingers crossed, hoping for the best, trusting that conditions will improve by the time next year rolls along.

Courtesy, Vancouver Province

With attention focused on the Japanese population in Canada, the spotlight naturally turned to Steveston, best-known Japanese centre in the country. A Province photographer hied himself down there, and posed Mitsunobu Kuba, secretary of the Steveston Fishermen's Association and former active Citizens League leader, beneath a picture of the Union Jack and beside a portrait of Winston Churchill in his office.

Fishing Fleet Tied Up—No One Left to Supply Britain With Vital Product

VANCOUVER.—A vivid illustration of how important a part Japanese-Canadian fishermen in British Columbia were playing in the war through service on the production front was reported yesterday by the Vancouver Sun.

The Sun disclosed that one of Great Britain's prime requirements, high vitamin-oils, manufactured from British Columbia dogfish livers, is being lost because the Japanese boats have been tied up and there are no other fishermen able to go out and catch the dogfish at a price that operators, under contract with the British ministry of food, will pay.

The price was pegged in Ottawa at 12c per pound, in the belief that the small gill-net fleet could operate at that price. Under the direction of Mrs. Phyllis Turner, newl-appointed oils administrator, an agreement was effected with the manufacturers, and approved by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. It was then submittedto the British Food Mission, and if it becomes effective, the price will be officially pegged at 12c a pound.

Scott from p.1

I believe that this can be, in a minor way, a test of the things that we are fighting for. Not color against color or language against language, but for bigger things, far, far bigger than harshly callin a dog "German."

If such a stand as this—and I know how unpopular it will be—can be called a lack of patriotism it seems to me that a lot of cherished standards are going to fall.

I believe we should guard against that as we guard against the Japanese or the Germans who are that in thought and not merely name.

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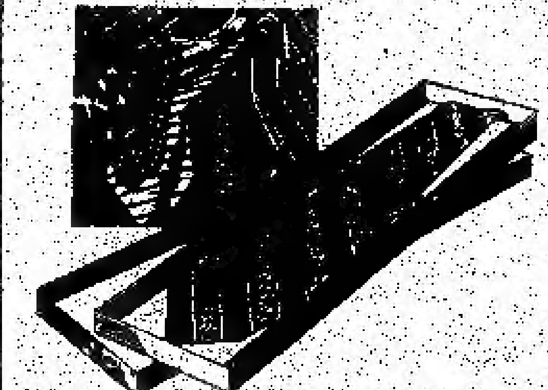

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SPORTS RECOVER FROM BLACKOUT AND WAR

Say, are you there? Ouch! D—n that car anyway. Curses flew thick and fast as bedlam reigned in the inky-black darkness of the recent blackout. This blackout, liable to spring on us at any time without any warning at all, is liable to cause havoc on the local sports front. It certainly has us sports scribes worried.

Still athletic Niseis, fellows who in the past have enjoyed their week days playing basketball, ping-pong, badminton and other sports, will not have to fret away their nights at home if the blackout persists. This staying at home business wouldn't be half so bad as long as it didn't last more than three days, but overdone it's liable to drive a guy to the bughouse.

Cage Continues

So far as melon-tossing is concerned in the Japanese Community, the future looks none too rosy, but as long as they give us lights, basketball will continue. Groping my way to director Mi Akiyama's in last Wednesday's blackout, the president was then under the impression that the blackout would continue indefinitely and all cage games would therefore have to be cancelled, but now that the regulations have lifted somewhat he's all for continuing the league as usual.

All games will therefore be played as scheduled unless the blackout is ordered. In this case the game will be postponed until the following week. Next week's schedule is:

Tuesday—	7:30	Celtics vs. Tammy's.
	8:30	Cagette League.
Wednesday—	7:30	Ink Spots vs. Steveston.
	8:30	Maikawa vs. Inter. All Stars.

Regarding the cage loop's Annual Turkey draw scheduled for the 17th of December, if there is a blackout that night the draw will take place on Sunday, December 21. The time and location will be announced later. Meanwhile all ticket holders are asked to turn in their stubs as soon as possible to Mi Akiyama, c-o 368 Powell Street.

Rugby Will Flourish

Sunday rugby will flourish with added zeal now that indoor night sports are on the retirement list. Practice for the Nippons will take place as usual this Sunday at Renfrew Park from 9:00 p.m., with coaches Yoshi Ono, Ichic Negoro and 'Mat' Matsui putting the youngsters through stiff workouts.

The date of the Nippon-ex-Nippon grudge rugger match is nearing and we'll soon find out whether old-timers like Kachi Yanagizawa, Joe Akiyama, Baron Wakabayashi, Toar Uyeda and others are equal to the speed and stamina of the new crop. Coach Negoro assures this writer that although his boys are not as good ball-handlers and players in general as the Nippons of a couple of years ago, he expects them to make up for it with real fight. The date, by the way, for this grudge match is Sunday, December 21.

For practice this Sunday morning Negoro requests all players to turn out in complete strip, rain or shine. Newcomers are still welcome. The formation of the Second Division Rugby League after Christmas is still uncertain.

Bowling Blitzed

The newly organized Men's 5-Pin Bowling League's opener slated for last Monday is also on the list of the blitzed Nisei sport. Bowling continued at Chapman's using only the pin boys' pitlight last Monday, and although darkened windows will permit bowling to resume in full swing during blackouts, directors Tad Kondo and Mas Isoshima thought it advisable to postpone the opening for a couple of weeks at least. To those who braved the blackout to attend last Monday's opener, the directors offer their apologies for the inability to notify them of the postponement. Watch this column for future particulars on the bowling situation.

Shuttling Still Swinging

Director 'Mat' Matsui of the Japanese Badminton League announces that the league will not function until further notice. Meanwhile the gym has been fitted with blackout facilities and shuttling will continue on Tuesdays and Fridays regardless of the blackout. This is a special note to the Strathcona members.

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SKI TRAILS

By T-R-A-C-K

"No Skiing on Grouse, Hollyburn or Seymour until further notice"! is the unwelcomed note to all Nisei plankers. Within a few days Fuji prexy Bus Ohori will confer with Ralph McKenzie, member of the Ski Committee, whether or not members may ski or not this season. So until then, members are asked to restrain themselves from the lure of the snow-covered mountain.

Meanwhile members are assured that all ski equipment and skiis left behind at the cabin will not be tampered with in any way.

It was the first and perhaps the last ski-date last Sunday and one carload of ski aspirants are glad that they did not miss it. Although shrubs still showed, Paradise was a happy playground for Akira Fukui, Bob and Bill Yasui, Sam Hagino, Tom Hatanaka and 'Jeep' Inamoto. (Ed. note: How about a rubber of bridge this Sunday boys?)

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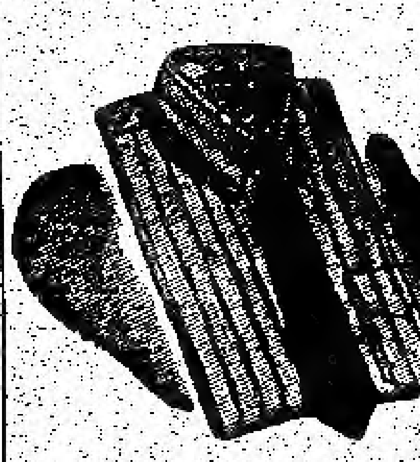

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Tuxis Lads Can't Hit Win Column

Led by sharpshooting Nobby Kimura and Satoshi Yamabe with 14 and 10 points respectively, Tammy's Bike Shop boys took a 33-23 victory from the aggressive Tuxis quintette last Saturday night.

In the junior games Hurricanes overcame a big Acme lead to chalk up their first victory 28-20. Eugene Fujibayashi led Hurricanes with 10 points while Yosh Higo swished in 14 for the losers.

Although outscoring Nomads 8 points to 2, Monarchs just missed their mark when the Nomads nosed them out 19-18 in the final junior tilt of the season.

The Exhibition game with Mission tomorrow night has been called off.

Table Tennis Goes on Daylight Run

Blackout, or no blackout, the Japanese Table Tennis League is determined to carry on, announces director Bing Tanaka. The senior division has already completed the first half of their schedule, so all league games for the second half will not begin until after the New Year.

The junior timetable will be switched from 6:00 p.m. Sunday to 2:00 p.m. This Sunday's schedule is as follows: Tairiku vs. Mikado; New Team vs. Mejwa Gakuen; Kitsilano vs. Union Fish and Maikawa get the bye.

The annual Closed Table Tennis Tournament slated for this week will be postponed indefinitely.

Varsity Exam-Busy Reps Win Default

The local boys in the Intermediate Community loop won their third victory last night by default. Their opponents from U.B.C. were hard at work prepping for their Christmas exams and were not able to field a team.

Next Thursday our men meet Y.M.C.A. at :30 p.m.

Fuyokai Tops School Shuttlers

The first half of the School shuttle league came to a close last Sunday with the league-leading Fuyokai members nosing out the bottom-place Futabakai club, 5 games to 4.

The complete standing for the first half is:

Fuyokai	3	0
Keiyukai	2	1
Taiwakai	1	2
Futabakai	0	3

This Sunday the games will take place as usual with Futabakai meeting Taiwakai from 12 to 3 and Keiyukai tackling Fuyokai from 3 to 6.

Sports Captain 'Mat' Matsui requests all members to start on time with the minimum of delay in order to complete both matches before the blackout descends.

All further nightly practice periods have been cancelled until further notice.

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G.V.A.A. Shuttlers See Action Monday

Wednesday night's blackout thoroughly blacked out the second G.V.A.A. shuttle match for the eager Strathcona entry. This postponed game against the Woodsonians will be played after the regular season.

'Mat' Matsui received word yesterday morning from the director of the G.V.A.A. circuit that all games in future will be played regardless of the light-out signal. The season's schedule also released is as follows:

Dec. 15 — Chalmers vs. Strathcona.
Jan. 10 — Die Hards vs. Strathcona.
Jan. 29 — Strathcona vs. Woodsonians.
Feb. 5 — Strathcona vs. Chalmers.
Feb. 9 — Strathcona vs. Die Hards.
Feb. 19 — Woodsonians vs. Strathcona.
Feb. 26 — Chalmers vs. Strathcona.

Shuttlings:—In case of blackout, Mat's only worry won't be just the darkness. He'll have to scrape together practically the whole women section of the team. Teiko Ide lives somewhere out in Collingwood and Hide Hyodo some unearthly distance up Fraser. The biggest problem will be filling the shoes of our 'wonder' shuttle girl, Lucy Fujimagari. She hails from across the Inlet in West Vancouver and it will be impossible for her to turn out. Likely girls to be called up to fill the little big shoes are Rose Miyazaki, Kay Uyeno, Sadako Iwasa or veteran Mary Saegusa.

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Taiyos Overwhelm Victoria 'JC' Squad

The Taiyo Club started the 1941-42 defense of the Sty Ioi Cup, emblematic of the Victoria Japanese Community basketball league championship, with an overwhelming 46-24 victory against the J.C.C.L. quintet, in the opening game played last week.

Starting with a first-quarter lead of 4 baskets the eventual winners were never headed. The half-time score was 22-12. At three-quarter time 36-16. For the victors George Hasegawa and Masa Kuwabara were high scorers with 14 points and 12 points respectively while Tak Kuwabara led the losers with 10 points.

In the junior game the Flying Hearts came from behind to chalk up their second straight win over the Thunderbolts, 16-9. The losers led the scoring at half time, 7-5.

J. Onishi topped the winners with 7 points. M. Uyede led the losers with 6.

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Taiyos—T. Kuwabara 8, S. Kuwata 8, G. Hasegawa 14, M. Kuwabara 12, B. Uyede 4—46.

J.C.C.L.—H. Kawasoe 2, J. Onishi, J. Henmi 4, Tak Kuwabara 10, H. Morita 4, M. Okamoto 2, Ken Kuwabara 2—24.

Thunderbolts—G. Nakamura, M. Uyede 6, Y. Nagao, O. Shimizu 1, H. Morita 2, B. Yoneda—9.

Flying Hearts—G. Henmi 4, S. Uyede, J. Mori 2, Y. Nagao, S. Takata, G. Saito 3, J. Onishi 7—16.

Soccer Sidelines

Tigers, Redwings To Clash In Semis

FINAL STANDING

	W.	L.
Ex-Nippons	6	0
Kitsilano Redwings	3	3
Cambie Tigers	2	3
Fairview Bluebirds	0	6

Soccer, one of the few Nisei sports now affected by the blackout, finished its final lap with the team standings shown above. Starting this Sunday morning the greatly re-inforced Cambie Tigers and the Kitsilano Redwings meeting in a sudden-death semi-final game. Scheduled for 10:30 p.m. this Sunday, the game will be played on Powell Grounds.

The winners of the semis will meet the powerful, undefeated ex-Nippons in a two out of three final series for the Tanaka Brothers Cup, emblematic of the Japanese Soccer League championship.

Last Sunday Cambie Tigers unleashed their fury, snarled and growled, but weren't quite able to overcome Eichi Goto's ex-Nippons. For the only tally of the game, Nobby Tanaka, sure-footed centre-half, booted one in between the posts to bring this season's high average up to 10 goals. His closest rival of the league was another ex-Nippon, Rinzo Amemori, with a total of 7.

Fairview Bluebirds blew their last chance to hit the win column last Sunday when the Kitsilano Redwings nudged them out of competition with a 3-1 victory. Kitsilano's led by Tommy Kamino and Chuck Terada finished the season in second place.

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